Killings in Punjab

203. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden spurt in terrorist activities in Punjab during the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of persons killed by the terrorists in Punjab during the last six months, monthwise;

(d) what is the number of terrorists killed by the security forces in Punjab during the above period; and

(e) what further steps Government have taken to strengthen security measures in the terrorists-infested areas in Punjab and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) During the period August, 1988 to January 1989, 641 persons have been killed in incidents of terrorist violence in Punjab, Monthwise break-up is as follows:

August, 1988	104
September, 1988	97
October, 1988	112
November, 1988	137
December, 1988	86
January, 1989	105

172 terrorists have been killed in encounters with the security forces in the State during the above period.

The steps taken to curb terrorism in Punjab include erection of fence in the most vulnerable stretches of the border, strengthening of security forces and supply of modern weapons and equipments to them to detect intruders/border crossers, strict checking of passengers at the border, creation of additional police districts, conducting of raids on the hide-outs of terrorists to arrest them and their harbourers and to flush out illicit arms and ammunition, setting up of village protection force pickets and involvement of ex-servicemen and villagers in Village Protection Groups.

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border

204. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to fencing of Indo-Pak border in Punjab is progressing as per schedule; and

(b) if so, what are- the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The C.P.W.D, which is executing the work, has indicated that due to unprecedented rains and floods, due to which water did not recede up to mid-November 1988, in some areas, the work could not be completed according to schedule. It is now expected to be complete by March 31, 1989.

कपड़े के क्षेत्र में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में भारत की भागीदारी

205. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार कपड़े के क्षेत्र में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में अपनी भागीदारी को बढ़ाने के लिए प्रयास करती रही है;